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Hi, Alice

Hope you are doing okay with these crazy times. Overall, I am grateful to have work to distract me.

My HQ shared the attached EPA Inspector General report with me. I know you have mentioned to me in the past that EPA R3 had a group of community stakeholders you were starting to talk to on the WV side about the EtO facilities there. This report includes the following blurb for EPA R3's plans:

Region 3. The Region, which has four high-priority facilities that emit ethylene oxide, has developed a strategic risk communication plan to work with state and local agencies on how they will inform communities that may be in areas of concern. This plan consists of various proposed activities during the first half of 2020, such as meetings with city councils and door-to-door communication.

Could you share with me the current status of these plans, given the COVID situation? Let me know if ATSDR can be of any assistance in these community risk communication activities.

If easier to talk glad to chat!

On our side, PADOH is still slowly making progress on the B Braun health consultation document that we were petitioned to produce by US Representative Wild. I haven't seen a draft at all yet, though. We are also moving forward at ATSDR HQ for our multisite EtO cancer statistics review (which includes Braun as well as a number of other sterilization facilities). All work however is significantly slowed down to public health agency engagement in the COVID response.

Best, Lora